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Sir:

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner, the information cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies are provided. This information is timely in that it is provided prior to the first Action on the merits of this application.

Specifically, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-36522 was mentioned in the specification as filed.

The other documents emanated from a European search report (ESR) issued December 15, 2003 in connection with a corresponding EPO application. A copy of the ESR together with its Annex identifying patent family members for some of the documents accompanies this paper for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please take this information into account in the initial Action in connection with this application and make its consideration of record.

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